IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 24, 1896.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The VICE-PRESIDENT presented the following

LETTER FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE NAVY ACKNOWLEDGING THE RECEIPT OF SENATE RESOLUTION OF APRIL 17, 1896, DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TO FURNISH THE SENATE A LIST OF ALL ACCIDENTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED TO NAVAL VESSELS DURING THE LAST SIX YEARS, ETC., AND STATING THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE DATA.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Washington, April 18, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of the 17th instant directing the Secretary of the Navy "to furnish the Senate a list of all accidents that have occurred to naval vessels during the last six years, the causes thereof, and the amount of such damages, separately, in money," and to state that instructions have been issued for the collection of the data necessary for the Department's answer, which will be made at the earliest date practicable.

Very respectfully,

W. McAdoo, Acting Secretary.

The President of the United States Senate.

